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KISS OF DEATH

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NATURE ISN'T CRUEL. IT'S JUST EFFICIENT.

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VOL. 1: THE
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CYCLE

"IT'S COMPLEX,
IT'S INTERESTING,
AND THE MORE
IVY QUESTIONS
HERSELF, THE
MORE IT REVEALS
ABOUT OURSELVES."
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THE FIRST HARDCOVER COLLECTION
OF THE BRUTAL AND POIGNANT
CHARACTER-DEFINING EPIC

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MAY



"Long Division"

DUPONT
CIRCLE
WASHINGTON,
D.C.



"Severance"

KAHNDQAQ

AT THAT
MOMENT

VERY
WELL,
THEN...

...LET'S
GET ON
WITH
IT.

BLACK ADAM

SET

EAST OF EGYPT
BOOK FOUR

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THEO...

...HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING...?



BLACK ADAM...

...NEGOTIATING PEACE WITH THE SANHEOLI AMBASSADOR...



...WHILE YOU'RE HERE.

IT'S A LONG STORY.

...THEN MAYBE YOU'D BETTER START AT THE BEGINNING...



...
...NO...

THIS
IS
WRONG...

HOW
COULD
IT BE,
MY
LORD...?

"Kismet"

SHIRUTA
KAHNDQA

YESTERDAY

...OUR LOVE
HAS BEEN
PREOR-
DAINED.

JASMIN...

...MAYBE
WE
SHOULD
GET THE
DOCTOR.

...OR DRAG
YOU BY
THE
HEELS.

EITHER
WAY, MY
LOVE, I
ASSURE
YOU...

FOR A
THOUSAND
LIFETIMES
I HAVE
LONGED FOR
YOU...

DO
NOT DENY
THE
TRUTH,
LORD.

FATE
CAN
EITHER
TAKE YOU
BY THE
HAND...

...YOU
WILL
BE
MINE.



YOU'RE SAYING...

...THE "GODDESS" ISHTAR... "POSSESSED" THIS COLLEGE GIRL--

DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME.

BUT YOU, A 4,600-YEAR-OLD, KISS COLLEGE KIDS.



YOUR PROTÉGÉ'S GIRLFRIEND, NO LESS.

HOW DID YOU FIX IT...?

I STARTED A WAR.

"THE SANHEOLI, A TINY ISLAND STATE IN THE FAR EAST...

"...LAUNCHED AN AIR STRIKE IN 'SUPPORT'...

"...OF KAHNDAQ'S GROWING DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT.

"WHICH MADE ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE UNTIL I SAW HIM--"

--NERGAL.

"THE AKKADIAN
GOD OF WAR."

AT
LAST!

THE
BLACK LORD
OF
LIGHTNING
FACES THE
GOD OF WAR
IN GLORIOUS
BATTLE!

MAY
THIS DAY
LIVE
FOREVER IN
ANTHEMS
AND
RHYME!

THANK
YOU, ADAM
THE BLACK,
FOR MAKING
ME ALIVE
AGAIN!

NUTS.

I JUST
ATTRACT
NUTS.
I'M LIKE...A
NUT
MAGNET.

"WE...
ARE
COMING..."

NERGAL
AND I
HATED EACH
OTHER
FROM
DAY ONE.*
BUT...

...I'M
GETTING
AHEAD
OF
MYSELF...

OKAY.
BACK
TO THE
GIRL.



--?!
MALIK--?!

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING--?

WHERE'S
IT
LOOK,
JASMIN--?



HOME.
THEO'S
STOLEN
TRANSPOR-
TER--

HOME.

JUST
LIKE
THAT,
WITHOUT
ME.



LOOKED LIKE
YOU PREFER
THEO'S
COMPANY
TO MINE.

--?!
WHAT
ARE
YOU--

I
SAW YOU
KISSING
HIM,
JAZZ.



YOU.

SAW...
ME.

KISS-
ING...?

C'MON,
JAZZ.



MALIK...
WHAT THE
HELL ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT--?

THEO,
JAZZ!

YOU
WANNA
MAKE ME
SAY IT?

...OY...

YOU
SAW...
ME.

YOU.



KISSING...
BLACK
ADAM...?

HOW
MUCH OF
THAT
EGYPTIAN TEA
HAVE YOU
BEEN
DRINKING?

I CAN'T
STAND
BLACK
ADAM.



RIGHT.

NICE
KNOWIN'
YOU,
JAZZ.



FIRST, I WENT AFTER IBAC.

"IBAC"---?

I WAS ANGRY. I NEEDED...

...SOME-ONE TO PUNCH...

"Road Rage"

SINAI MOUNTAINS

NORTH OF KAHNDAQ

--- YOU... YOU COULD HAVE KILLED ME.*

INDEED, HAMID STANLI...

*TRANSLATED FROM ARABIC --PAUL

...OR "STANLEY PRINT-WHISTLE," ON YOUR BRITISH PASSPORT.

ACOLYTE OF THE CIRCLE OF CROWS, VASSAL OF IBAC THE SLAVER--

YOU MEAN YOUR SLAVER... NEARLY 5,000 YEARS AGO!

BRING FORTH IBAC. SPEAK HIS NAME.

DID NOT MY LORD HEAR IBAC SAY...

...HE WISHES ONLY TO BE LEFT TO THE WILDERNESS.*

A LIAR LIES, STANLI. IN YOUR PACK...

...IBAC'S WHIP, WHICH CAN ROB ME OF MY POW--

*LAST ISSUE







SANHEOLI?!

WHY
WOULD
A PEACEFUL
NATION
FROM THE
FAR EAST
ATTACK--

WHY?
ADAM,
YOU
IDIOT--

--THEY
HATE YOU.
EVERYONE
HATES
YOU.

I AM
WHAT I AM.
I'VE MADE
PEACE
WITH IT.

**B
B
R
R
A
A
K
K
T!**

A PEACE
THAT
ELUDES
YOU.

KEEPS
YOU UP AT
NIGHT HOLDING
GRUDGES,
COUNTING OLD
SINS.

BLAME
ME AS MUCH
AS YOU WANT,
THE TRUTH
REMAINS...

...THERE
IS NO
REDEMP-
TION...

...FOR
BLACK
ADAM.

THIS
AIN'T MY
FIGHT,
BOY.

I
WON'T
WARN YOU
AGAIN--

--LEAVE
ME
ALONE!



YOU'RE
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
UNDER-
STANDS
ME.

MY
BEST
GIRL...

...I'M
SO GLAD
I HAVE
YOU...



"The Two
Adams"
LINWOOD
WASHINGTON,
D.C.
SOUTHEAST



...LE'QUANNE
DOLARE...LAY-
LAY!

YOU
LIKE UNCLE
LEEK'S
FOOT-
WORK...?

KNOCK-
KNOCK!

AND,
RIGHT
ON
CUE...



...CAPTAIN
BUZZKILL.

MIGHT
BE GET-
TIN' THIS
WRONG,
KID.

WHICH
PART? MY
"LYING
EYES"...

...OR
THE GAS-
LIGHTING
YOU'RE
ABOUT TO
DO...?

LISTEN...
I'VE
KNOWN THE
GUY
AWHILE
NOW.

HE'S
CAPABLE
OF A
LOT OF
THINGS.

THIS
AIN'T
ONE OF
'EM.

DO
TELL.



SO...IT'S
JUST HER.
JUST JAZZ
COMING ON
TO THEO?

LOOKED
LIKE HE
WAS PRETTY
INTO
IT.

MALIK...

NAH,
NAH, I'M
GOOD,
MAN. I
MEAN...

...HOW
MANY
TIMES DID
JASMIN TRY
TO TELL
ME SHE'S
NOT--



--WHAT...

...WHAT
THE
HELL...

ONCE AGAIN...YOU MEDDLE-SOME AKKADIANS!

LEAVE MY LANDS... MY PLANET!

HO-HO, TETH-ADAM... IS THAT A PROPER GREETING? AFTER ALL...

"Dusted"
KAHNDAAQ

CEN-
TURIES
AGO WE
AKKAD READ
YOUR
THOUGHTS...

...WHEN
YOU
PASSED
THROUGH
US...
BREATHED
US IN.

MICRO-
SCOPIC
SPACE
ORGANISMS...
COSMIC
DUST...

...YOU
CREATED
US.
I...AM
WAR...

...THE
WORK OF
YOUR
HANDS!

SSSSSSKKRRUNNNCH!

WHAT-
EVER WE
AKKAD
MAY
BE...

...WE
BELONG
TO
YOU, AND,
NOW...

...YOU
BELONG
TO
US!



"NERGAL TURNED
TO DUST..."

--
--SHHH...
SHHH...

"...YOU
INHALED
HIM."



SHAZAM!



"YOU
THOUGHT ABOUT
IT. ADMIT IT."



"YOU
CONSIDERED
NOT SAVING
YOURSELF."

YOU'RE
BEING
RIDICU-
LOUS.

AM I?

"AN IMMORTAL...
WHO'D LONG
AGO LOST
TOUCH WITH HIS
OWN HUMANITY."

"ANY GENUINE
HUMAN
EXPERIENCE...
EVEN TERROR..."



...IS
LIKE
HEROIN
TO YOU.
SO...

...HOW
MUCH
EASIER...



"...TO JUST
LET GO...?"

THEO!

NOT
NOW,
SHEP--

HELL
YES,
NOW--!

--IN
WASHING-
TON...WE'RE
UNDER
ATTACK
BY--

SARGON,
A
KING.

KING
OF
AKKAD,
OVERSEER
OF
ISHTAR.

KING
OF KISH,
ANOINTED OF
ANU, KING
OF SUMER,
GOVERNOR
OF ASH--

YOU--

--MANIAC!

KKERRAAK--!

I
SEEK
TETH-
ADAM!

I AM
DRAWN TO
THE ENERGY
SIGNATURE
OF HIS
RING!

YOU
COULDA
KILLED
HER--!

KILLED--!

THERE
ARE TWO
RINGS, YOU
IDIOT
ROBOT!

I'M
GONNA
SHOVE ONE
OF 'EM UP
YOUR
VACUUM
HOSE--!

I--
--AM
SARGON--

I...

...AM...

FRZZZZZ!

BBRRRAAKKT!

...GODS!



...IS THAT...

...IS THAT ALL YOU GOT...?

I AM THE WORD OF ANU, FATHER OF THE GODS...



...THE FONT OF AKKADIAN GLORY... CLOTHED IN THE RIGHTEOUS POWER OF ALL GODS.



MY WILL SHALL BE OBEYED.

WHAAMMM!



YOU WILL OBEY.

YOU...



...WILL SERVE... US--

NEVER--!

KRAAA-KOOOM!





"HORUS. YOU
EGYPTIANS CALLED
HIM HERU.

"SKY GOD.
HUNTER'S GOD. GOD
OF KINGSHIP.

"A BLACK WAR
GOD WHOSE AVATAR
WAS A FALCON.

"HIS RIGHT EYE
WAS THE SUN, HIS
LEFT THE MOON.

"LEGEND HAS IT
YOU DRAW YOUR VAUNTED
SPEED FROM HIM.

"THE FLASH IS
THE FASTEST MAN
ALIVE. BUT...

...IS
BLACK
ADAM A
MAN...?

...
...NOT
ANY-
MORE...



...A...
ADAM...?



SARGON.

SERVANT-
KING TO
THE
AKKADIAN
GODS.

KERRROWM!

I
THOUGHT
I'D HALLU-
CINATED
YOU.*
YET...

...HERE
WE ARE.
VERY
WELL...

*ISSUE
#3 --PK



AAARRRGH!

THE
BOY...
MALIK-
ADAM--



--YOU WILL
NEVER
HAVE
HIM.

KEEP YOUR
FILTHY
HANDS
OFF OF
HIM.



NNYAAARGH!

YOUR
SO-
CALLED
GODS...

...SHOWED
ME
THEIR VISION
OF KAHNDAQ'S
FUTURE.
A DESOLATE
WASTE-
LAND...



...WITH
MALIK-ADAM
WEARING
YOUR
ARMOR!*
WELL...

*ISSUE #3
AGAIN --PK



...THAT
CAN
NEVER
COME TO
PASS...

...IF
I END
YOUR
HATEFUL
LEGACY
HERE--



...SARGON. IRONIC.



THE
ARMOR
SEEMS TO
CONTROL
ITS
WEARER--

NOT
THE
ARMOR,
MY
LORD...

...THE
MASK.



IT
CONTROLS
WHOEVER
WEARS
IT.

THE
ARMOR
IS
GENERATED
BY THE
MASK.

...HOPE
SOMEBODY
GOT THE
NUMBER OF
THAT TRUCK.
AND, HEY...

...IS
THAT
AAAH...
TURBAN...?

MALIK...



NOPE. NO
THANK
YOU.

LAST
PERSON
I
WANNA
SEE...

I
NEED TO
TELL YOU
ABOUT THE
AKKADIAN
PROPHE-
CY--

WRITE
ME
AN EMAIL.
THEN DON'T
SEND
IT--

BBBAARRRRROOOOMM!



--?!
HOW...

...HOW
IS THIS
POSSI-
BLE...?

...FASCI-
NATING...

WHAT
THE
DEVIL...

WELL...

...SARGON
WAS NOT
SENT TO
DESTROY
BLACK
ADAM--



--BUT
TO
ASSIMILATE
HIM...

NEXT:

**BLACKER
ADAM**
OUR SERIES FINALE

MAD

AL JAFFEE

1921-2023



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DC and MAD Magazine mourn the loss of the incomparable Al Jaffee, creator of the MAD Fold-In, Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions, and many other MAD features throughout the decades. A humble and kind creator, Al's presence, his astute social commentary, and his endless amusement at life's ups and downs shaped the fabric of the magazine.

"Al Jaffee was an incredibly gifted man who touched our hearts and never failed to make us laugh," said Jim Lee, chief creative officer and publisher of DC. "He garnered the highest accolades and praise in the world of illustrations and comics."

Al was named the Reuben Awards' Outstanding Cartoonist of the Year in 2008 and was inducted into the Will Eisner Hall of Fame in 2013 and the Society of Illustrators' Hall of Fame in 2014. He holds the Guinness World Record for the longest career as a comics artist, beginning with his first publication in *Joker* comics in 1942 and continuing through his time at MAD until his retirement in 2020.



"Al was, at heart, a rascal," said John Ficarra, former MAD editor-in-chief, who worked with Al for over 35 years. "He always had a playful twinkle in his eye and brought that sensibility to everything he created."

"It was an event when Al would visit the MAD offices to drop off a Fold-In," said former MAD art director Sam Viviano. "The entire staff would gather for an hour just to listen to him talk about his amazing life and career."

"Al embodied the true spirit of MAD, and so many humorists, cartoonists, and creatives will find inspiration in his work for generations to come," said Suzy Hutchinson, MAD Magazine art director. "He was a national treasure, and it was an honor to work with and learn from such an ingenious, caring, and wholly creative soul, the best of the Original Gang of Idiots."

An archive of Al's work is held at Columbia University.

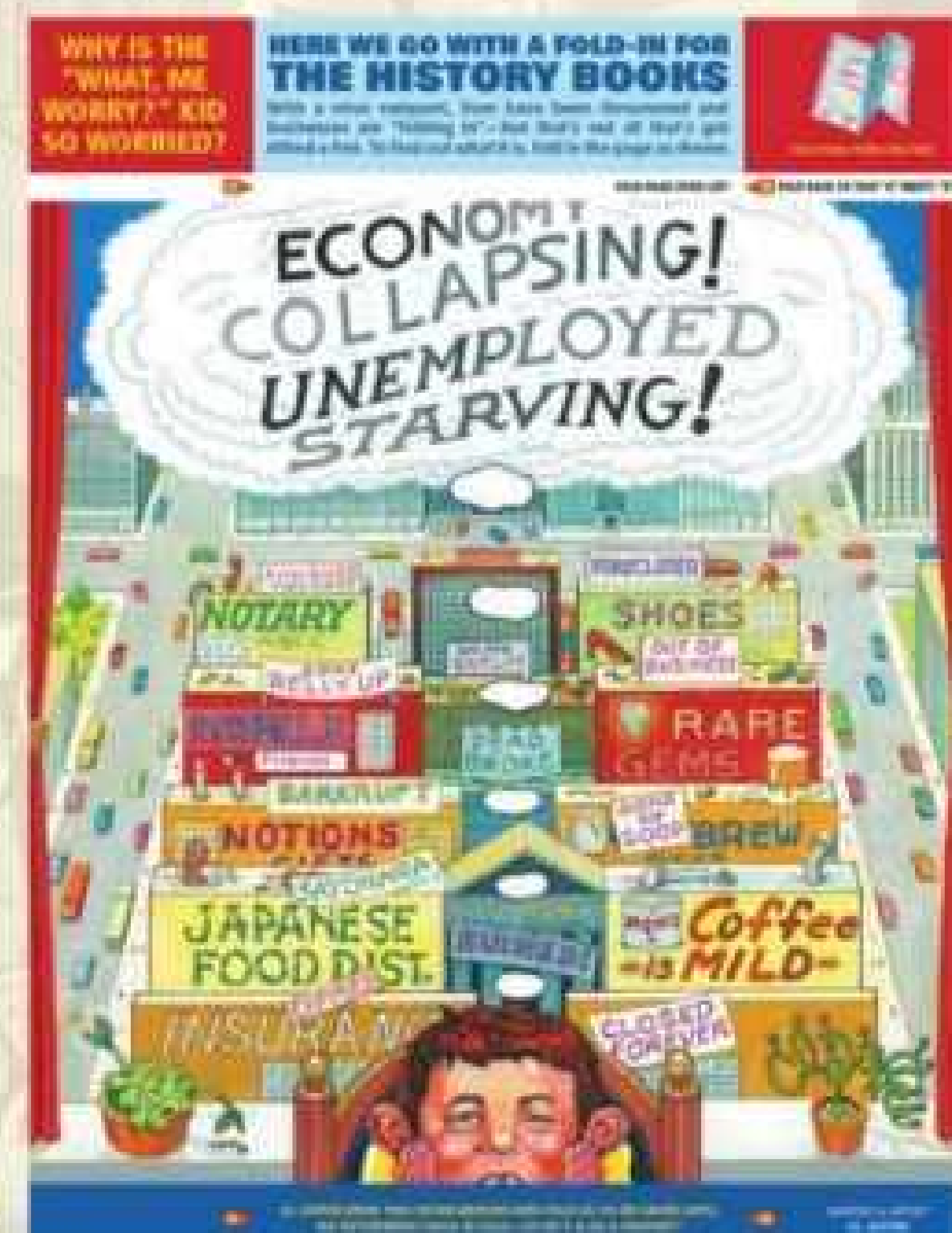
He will be MADly missed.



Al's first MAD Fold-In, from MAD #86, April 1964



Al's iconic signature



Al's last MAD Fold-In, from MAD #14, August 2020



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TITANS

With the Justice League still disbanded following the events of *Dark Crisis on Infinite Earths*, there's a new premier super-team in the DC Universe: the Titans! The classic lineup of Nightwing, Starfire, Cyborg, Raven, Beast Boy, Donna Troy, and the Flash headline the new Titans series from the superstar duo of *Nightwing* writer Tom Taylor and former *Wonder Woman* artist Nicola Scott, debuting as part of DC's yearlong Dawn of DC storytelling initiative.

Naturally, as soon as *Titans* was announced, fans were eager to see what Taylor had planned and how these fan-favorite characters would look illustrated by Scott—and we've got you covered. Check out this exclusive look inside May's *Titans* #1 and peek at Scott's character designs for the series!



**DON'T MISS *TITANS* #1,
ON SALE IN MAY!**



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